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DEPARTMENT PASS TO NON-ALIGNED COLLECTIVE ADDRESSEES

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING,
NEW DELHI APRIL 6-11

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1. ON MARCH 18 EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED UPCOMING
NACC MEETING IN NEW DELHI WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA) OFFICIAL , C.D. CASIE CHETTY. CASIE
CHETTY EXPECTS NACC TO GO SMOOTHLY. ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE
AGREED NOT REPEAT NOT TO RAISE CONTROVERSIAL BILATERAL
PROBLEMS. AS ILLUSTRATION HE SAID MDFA YESTERDAY
HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM MOZAMBIQUE THAT IT IS WITHDRAWING
ITS REQUEST THAT MOZAMBIQUE BE THE VENUE FOR
1978 NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.CONFERENCE
WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD IN BELGRADE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO DISCUSSION OF ASEAN CALL FOR ESTABLISHING
ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER INQUIRED ABOUT LOCAL PRESS REPORT
THAT SRI LANKA WILL PRESENT THREE REPORTS AND SEVENTEEN
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PAPERS AT CONFERENCE. CASIE THETTY CLARIFIED PRESS
REPORT, SAYING THAT SRI LANKA WILL PRESENT ONE REPORT
IN THREE PARTS-ACTIVITIES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT THE 31ST UNGA, ACTIVITIES OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OUTSIDE
THE UN (INCLUDING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
BY BENIN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECONSTRUCTION FUND
FOR FIETNAM AND LAOS), AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. OF THE

SEVENTEEN PAPERS REFERRED TO IN THE PRESS, ALL ARE ON ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL MATTERS. ONLY TWO HAVE BEEN DONE BY SRI LANKA-EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY FUND; THE REMAINING PAPERS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY OTHER NACC MEMBERS BUT WILL BE DISTRUBUTED AT THE CONFERENCE BY SRI LANKA. SUBJECTS CONVERED ARE RAW MATERIALS, TRADE, TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRY, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY COOPERATION, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INSURANCE, HEALTH, TOURISM, TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, SPORTS, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

3. CASIE CHETTY GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER COPY OF THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. TEN ITEMS ON AGENDA ARE: (1) OPENING OF CONFERENCE; (2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS; (4) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA; (4) ORGANIZATION OF WORK; (5) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION-POLITICAL AN ECONOMIC-SINCE COLOMBO SUMMIT; (6) ASSESSMENT OF 31ST SESSION OF UNGA AND ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES; (7) IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE AS CONTAINED IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DECLARATION AND IN THE ACTION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION; (8) (A) REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR TH NON-ALIGNED PRESS AGENCIES POOL, (B) REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ON MASS-MEDIA AND INFORMATION; (9) SCHEDULE
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OF MEETINGS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING VENUE, DATE, ETC, (A) CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, 1978, (B) MEETINGS OF THE COORDINATORS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, (C) OTHER MEETINGS; AND (10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

4. IN ADDITION TO 25 FULL MEMBERS OF NACC, 25 OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES AS OBSERVERS. ALTHOUGH MDFA HAS COPIES OF REPORTS AND PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED, WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD PROVIDE COPIES, CASIE CHETTY DECLINED, SAYING THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT EVEN BEING GIVEN TO OBSERVERS.

5. SRI LANKA DELEGATION TO NACC WILL BE LED BY FELIX R. DIAS BANDARANAIKE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND FOOD AND COOPERATIVES, AND WILL INCLUDE SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE, PERM REP TO UN, BEN FONSEKA, DEPUTY

ERPM REP TO UN, MEVILLE KANAKARATNE, AMBASSADOR TO
US, ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, MDFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, N.M.M.I. HASSAIN, MDFA DIRECTOR NON-
ALIGNED CONFERENCE DIVISION, JUSTIN SIRIWARDENE,
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA, AND SEVERAL OTHERS.
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